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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Rainer Treptow  
SERIAL NO: 10/001,762  
FILED: October 31, 2001  
FOR: Method and Apparatus for Tempering Specimen  
EXAMINER: Dwayne K. Handy GROUP: 1743

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 (a request for a three-month extension of time is enclosed), in which the Examiner rejected Claims 47,48,51-56,58-64, and 66 as being unapentable over the prior art, allowed claim 65 and indicated that Claims 57 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's allowance of claim 65 and indication of the allowability of Claims 57 is noted and appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: